

CITY OF VERNONIA

ALCOHOL POLICY

The possession and consumption of alcohol in Vernonia parks is regulated by City of Vernonia park rules (Ordinance number _____). Following is a synopsis of the alcohol rules. A complete copy of the park rules ordinance is available upon request.

Definitions: (1) Alcohol or alcoholic beverage. Any form of alcohol containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, including but not limited to malt and fermented beverages, whether licensed for sale in the state or not. (2) Park alcohol privilege. An opportunity, subject to City approval, for a person to obtain a permit relating to group or individual consumption of alcohol in a city park, or to consume alcohol, to possess an open container of alcohol, or to open a container of alcohol, while in a city park. Park alcohol privilege refers to all of the above collectively. Unless otherwise specified in a permit, a park alcohol permit issued under the park rules ordinance allows a person to exercise all park alcohol privileges in accordance with park rules.

Policy: It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcohol, to possess an open container holding alcohol, or to open a container holding alcohol while in any park, except pursuant to a permit issued by the City and in accordance with terms and conditions attached to such permit.

Violation of park rules, or conditions under which a permit is issued, may result in the alcohol beverage being forfeited for disposal, forfeiture of the alcohol permit and all park alcohol privileges for a period of one year, and other penalties provided by the park rules ordinance, including a civil infraction citation with a \$500 maximum fine and exclusion from all parks for up to 90 days.

The following conditions shall apply to permits concerning alcohol in parks:

1. THIS PERMIT MUST BE KEPT AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS ISSUED, IS NOT TRANSFERABLE, IS NOT REFUNDABLE, AND MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
2. Individual Permits shall remain valid until December 31 of the year in which they are issued, unless revoked. Group Facility Rental Permits and Special Event Permits automatically expire when the group facility rental period or special event rental period ends.
3. Alcohol is not allowed in any children's playground, on any boat ramp or docking facility, or in any vehicular parking lot.
4. A person who has been issued an alcohol permit in association with a Group Facility Rental or Special Event Permit shall not allow, pursuant to their permit, a person known to be disqualified from receiving an alcohol permit or exercising any park alcohol privilege to consume alcohol or possess an open alcohol container in a park.
5. Procedures for appealing decisions relating to the rules governing the possession and consumption of alcohol in Vernonia parks are found in the park rules ordinance.
6. Nothing contained herein is intended to authorize the consumption, possession, distribution, or use of alcohol in any manner which is prohibited under Oregon law, or to modify the provisions of the Oregon Tort Claims Act (ORS 30.260 to 30.400).